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Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray is welcomed to the Liberty Wing by Staff Sgt. Dilphia McCollum, 48th Fighter Wing command chief assistant, prior to speaking with airmen about highly stressed career fields and AEFs.



Photo by Staff Sgt. William Greer

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Jared Michael Campbell gets used to the new world after his birth Jan. 2 at the RAF Lakenheath hospital. He was born to one of three families covered through the birthing process by the Jet 48. Photo by Maj. Francisco G. Hamm. See Pages 13 to 16 for story.

MLK Day

Treating others with dignity foundation to freedom

BY GEN. GREGORY S. MARTIN

COMMANDER, U.S. AIR FORCES IN EUROPE

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Monday is set aside as a national holiday to celebrate and honor the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His courage and self-sacrifice inspired Americans to recognize and value the true foundation of our nation's Declaration of Independence — all men are indeed created equal.

From our history, we know that our great nation did not always treat all men equally. It's ironic that 100 years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Dr. King found it necessary to dedicate his work, and ultimately his life, to increasing awareness and changing how Americans define equality. His cause was just and it was right; — 100 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, the definition of equality still meant segregated diners and buses, separate bathrooms and water fountains.

Today, we must never forget that the majority of conflicts occurring



Martin

in the world are brought about by people who have not yet accepted the most basic principle of a free, democratic nation — “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

We celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day for the purpose of reminding each of us that we must stand against tyranny, segregation and oppression of human freedoms. He made a difference in our nation, just as you, the men and women of our military do everyday. Through your sacrifices you make a difference throughout the world, enhancing security and opportunity where chaos and despair might otherwise prevail.

As you reflect upon the meaning of this special holiday, please remember that as President George W. Bush stated in his National Security Strategy speech, “Freedom is the non-negotiable demand of human dignity.” Let's all rededicate ourselves to treating one another with the dignity that we all deserve. Thank you for your service, for your dedication and for your devotion to our nation's principles.

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John T. Brennan
48th Fighter Wing commander

Vehicle search

I am concerned with the random vehicle search at Gate 2. My vehicle has been searched 15 times. One day it was searched three times. But frequency is not the problem. The problem is that I live in Anglo housing and rarely go off base. I really think the random vehicle search could be a bit more beneficial to the safety of the base if it were located at the entrance of Gate 2 since there is sufficient space at the entrance without impeding the traffic flow. That way, this eliminates searching all of the housing residents as opposed to vehicles actually entering from off base.

Let there be no mistake, we take the safety and security of everyone living and working in and around RAF Lakenheath very,

very seriously — force protection is Team Liberty's number one priority. Some force protection measures will delay some people at some time, and all are urged to plan ahead to give themselves sufficient time to get to their destination. We couldn't agree more with your suggestion to move the vehicle search function from Gate 2 to the Eriswell vehicle control point. However, force protection measures are somewhat restricted by factors outside our control; that is what is occurring at the Eriswell vehicle control point. Jurisdictional issues associated with the leased land at the newly constructed entryway restrict certain force protection functions for the moment. The wing, Ministry of Defence and the landowner are working through these challenges with an eye toward the future. Force protection is everyone's business. Stay tuned, more to follow.

Customer service

I'm frustrated with the services provided by the RAF Feltwell veterinarian. We have resorted to using a British vet because it is difficult to make an appointment with the base vet and you get the run-around. Recently, we tried to book our dog for a health certificate necessary for travel on the rotator, and to start her on heartworm pills before moving back to the states. We were told the vet would be out until after we left. We cannot have our British vet prescribe the pills because he needs to talk directly with the Feltwell vet. The British vet's heartworm

pills are not acceptable for U.S. standards. The Feltwell vet should have the capacity to serve all three bases. Why is there only one vet? This scenario is a prime example of the “services” at the three bases that are not designed or managed to handle the capacity they should be able to handle.

We agree, our veterinarian is extremely busy. Our Army veterinarian has a number of missions he performs in addition to providing top quality veterinarian services at a low cost to our extensive customer base, which that includes installations throughout the United Kingdom and Iceland. Taking care of the military working dogs has always been and will continue to be our veterinarian's primary animal mission. As you are aware, the number-one priority for Team Liberty is force protection and our military working dogs play a crucial role in ensuring the security of our members and families. As time permits, our veterinarian is available to provide care for privately owned pets. Although we are only required to treat communicable diseases, we have extended our services to include surgery, dental and senior pet-care programs. Because we currently are unable to satisfy all our members' needs, we are actively seeking to augment our full-time veterinarian with a part-time one in an effort to achieve a balance in providing care to both our military working dogs and to all other clients in a reasonable amount of time.

ACTION LINE



Photo by Staff Sgt. William Greer

BY STAFF SGT. CHARLENE CARL

48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

All active-duty Air Force servicemembers must be mobility ready today, regardless of the Air and Space Expeditionary Force cycle they are assigned to, said the chief master sergeant of the Air Force Tuesday.

Thousands of airmen have recently deployed or were tasked to support U.S. Central Command operations – some of which are not in the current AEF cycle. Many Air Force people are asking if this means the AEF cycles are not applicable, said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray during an interview at RAF Feltwell.

"If there is a war it will affect our AEF cycles; it will not do away with them," said Murray. "The big thing is 'if,' because there has been no commitment."

Deployment orders have not only sent airmen but soldiers, Marines and sailors to forward locations since Jan. 8.

"What I foresee is the airmen we have deployed now, especially those in (the) CENTCOM (area of operations), would be given notice that their

time would be extended there," said Murray. "Eighty-five to 90 percent of the force there (now) are in 90-day, 15-month cycles, but I expect we would have to suspend that and move other people forward out of future AEFs."

Air Force officials announced in July that extended tour lengths are necessary to fill shortfalls in certain stressed career fields.

"I can't promise our airmen in those situations how long it will take (to establish firm AEF cycles)," explained Murray. "I can promise we are doing everything we can to balance the stress across (Air Force Specialty Codes), from posturing new airmen in, to reducing the number of deployment taskings, to making force-structure changes that will give us the airmen we need."

For example, the security forces career field is highly tasked, but plans are in action to reduce the workload. It will take until 2009 to build the number of security forces members the Air Force needs, according to the chief. Until then, the Air Force is working with the Army.

"We will soon go and start phasing in Army infantry personnel with our security forces to get us the time that it will take to bring in new airmen and build our security forces," said Murray.

"We are looking at it by career fields, units and organizations to make adjustments and lever new technology as we can to balance the stress on the forces, but I think it's important to recognize we are at 85 to 90 percent of the solution, and that's a great statement for our airmen."

The stress of deployments does not remain just in forward locations. It also affects the airmen left behind at home bases. This is an experience airmen here can relate to with the 48th Fighter Wing tasked as the lead wing for AEF 4 and the support function for AEF 8.

"(Your) airmen are working extremely hard, whether they are home-based or deployed," said Murray.

"We know that places a tremendous burden upon this wing when an element of it is out. There will be burdens, but (it is important) not to keep burdens on the wing strung out year-round."

Local educator earns top DoDEA award

BY MASTER SGT. WILL ACKERMAN

48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Department of Defense Education Activity recently named an RAF Feltwell educator its assistant principal of the year for 2003.

Dr. Noni Hoag earned the honor as assistant principal at Lakenheath Middle School where she's been an administrator since 2000.

McDonald's and the National Association of Secondary School Principals sponsor the award. Along with assistant principals chosen from every state and the District of Columbia, Hoag attends the NASSP convention Feb. 23 to 24 in San Diego as DoDEA's winner to receive a plaque and a \$1,000 award. Three finalists from these 52 are selected at the convention to compete for the National Assistant Principal of the Year.

The LMS principal said Hoag acts as a mentor for students and teachers.

"She focuses on student achievement and works with others to make them perform well," said Dr. Janette Klinke, LMS principal.

Hoag said her main goal is to "be there for people" – including students and classroom teachers – as a mentor and role model. This is especially important during the middle school years, she said, because the students ages 11 to 14 go through the most significant changes in their lives, outside their first two years of life.

"I believe it's important to help students find balance and to deal with changes," Hoag said. "It's also important because we as a world are going through lots of changes (since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001) that are surprising. My goal is to give students a positive outlook to the uncertain future."

But she also brings more than 20 years experience as a classroom teacher and liaison officer, which enables her to help teachers grow professionally and to provide mentorship.

"She is a source of inspiration for teachers, shares examples and suggestions to enhance our lessons, helps us build on our own particular strengths and supports us to grow as professionals," eighth grade History teacher John Wedekind wrote in a nomination letter. "She is a model teacher, administrator and leader."

Klinke said Hoag is also not afraid to tackle major tasks. For example, last year Hoag took on the task of leading the curriculum committee, whose task involved changing the fundamental way the school and faculty did business.

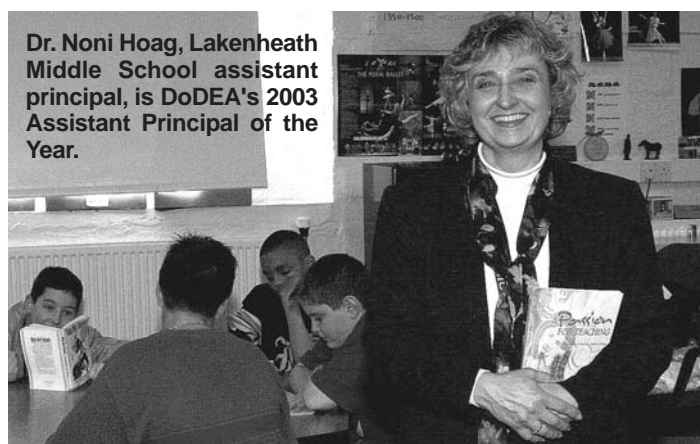


Photo by Master Sgt. Will Ackerman

Although the faculty used creative teaching methods, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools curriculum was not at the foundation. Hoag led the committee and school to incorporate the curriculum.

"Dr. Hoag is an assistant principal extraordinary and well deserving of the title 'Assistant Principal of the Year,'" Klinke wrote in her nomination letter.

Although Hoag's receiving the honor, she said she can't take all the credit. "It reflects the teamwork at the school. I'm most proud because it represents an (educational) system I'm proud of."

Taxes 101

Preparation saves taxpayer time

It's the start of the tax season and the RAF Lakenheath Tax Center is preparing to open for customers Feb. 3. At that time, tax preparers will only accept walk-in customers and tax filers dropping off 1040EZ and 1040A forms with W-2 and bank interest information only. The center is upstairs in the rear of the legal office in Building 1082, and opens Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tax filers opting to schedule an appointment may do so beginning Feb. 10.

W-2 forms will be mailed out and are available at the MyPay Web site at <https://emss.dfas.mil/mypay.asp> Jan. 27. The Internal Revenue Service provides easy access to federal publications, forms, regulations, bulletin boards and more. For additional help with tax preparation, visit <http://www.irs.gov> or <http://www.taxwise.com/stateinfo/stateinfo.asp>.

When in doubt about forms and information, bring all relevant documents. Paperwork necessary to prepare the 2002 federal income tax return includes:

Tax returns

- ❖ 2001 Federal and 2001 State

Personal data

- ❖ Social Security numbers for all family members
- ❖ Child-care providers tax ID or SSNs

Employment and income data

- ❖ W-2 forms
- ❖ Partnership and trust income
- ❖ Pensions and annuities
- ❖ Alimony received
- ❖ Gambling and lottery winnings
- ❖ Prizes and awards
- ❖ Scholarships and fellowships
- ❖ State and local income tax refund

Homeowner/renter data

- ❖ Residential address(es)
- ❖ Mortgage interest: Form 1098
- ❖ Sale of your home or real estate: Form 1099-S
- ❖ Second mortgage interest paid
- ❖ Real estate taxes paid
- ❖ Rent paid during tax year

Financial assets

- ❖ Interest income statements Forms 1099-INT and 1099-OID
- ❖ Dividend income statements Form 1099-DN
- ❖ Proceeds from broker transactions Form 1099-B
- ❖ Refunds & unemployment compensation Form 1099-G
- ❖ Miscellaneous income Form 1099-MISC
- ❖ Retirement plan distribution Form 1099-R

Financial liabilities

- ❖ Auto loans and leases (account numbers and car

- value) if vehicle used for business
- ❖ Student loan interest paid
- ❖ Early withdrawal penalties on time deposits

Automobiles

- ❖ Personal property tax information

Expenses

- ❖ Gifts to charity (receipts for single donations of \$250 or more)
- ❖ Unreimbursed expenses for volunteer work
- ❖ Unreimbursed expenses related to your job (travel expenses, uniforms, union dues, subscriptions)
- ❖ Investment expenses
- ❖ Job-hunting expenses
- ❖ Education expenses
- ❖ Child-care expenses
- ❖ Medical savings accounts
- ❖ Adoption expenses
- ❖ Alimony paid
- ❖ Tax return preparation expenses and fees

Self-employment data

- ❖ K-1s on all partnerships
- ❖ Documentation for business-related expenses
- ❖ Farm income

Deduction documents

- ❖ Estimated tax vouchers for the current tax year
- ❖ IRA, Keogh & other retirement contributions
- ❖ Medical expenses
- ❖ Casualty or theft losses
- ❖ Other miscellaneous deductions

(Information courtesy of the 48th Fighter Wing legal office)



Liberty Warrior



Senior Airman
Jason S. Bower
48th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

Hometown: Detroit, Mich.
Time in service: Two years, 11 months
Time on station: Two years, three months
Role in mission: Electrical and environmental specialist
Hobbies: Working out, watching sports, listening to music and playing with my dog, Buffett

Favorite movie: I like a lot of movies, but college football and ESPN Sports Center are my favorite things to watch.

How do you contribute to the wing mission? I ensure that the aircraft are fully mission-capable at any time.

What does the Air and Space Expeditionary Force concept mean to you? The Air Force can use its air power to help with specific needs around the world.

What do you like best about the Air Force? Security and the ability to meet people from all over the world

If you could change one thing about the Air Force, what would it be? Cycle-ergo testing. To say you only have to be fit for one day a year for about 10 minutes is pretty funny; at least make the standards higher.

What do you like most about being in the United Kingdom? I really enjoy the United Kingdom, but at the same time, it helps me realize how much we take for granted back home.

USAFE recognizes top airmen for outstanding achievement

Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials announced the 2002 RAF Lakenheath unit and individual nominees for the annual Air Force awards:

2002 Maintenance Effectiveness Awards

Communications and electronics

48th Communications Squadron

2002 Mission Support Awards

Support Education and Training Manager of the Year

Master Sgt. Burt L. Hillman

48th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Outstanding USAFE base-level equal opportunity and treatment NCO

Tech. Sgt. Derrick G. Harper

48th Fighter Wing Military Equal Opportunity

Outstanding USAFE Installation MEO Award - 48th Fighter Wing

2002 Safety Awards

Air Force Explosive Safety Outstanding Achievement

Tech. Sgt. James A. McMurry

Explosive Safety Plaque - 48th FW

Nuclear Surety Plaque - 48th FW

The following RAF Lakenheath members were recognized for their outstanding achievement at the Kisling Noncommissioned Officer Academy graduation for Class 2003-1:

Academic Achievement Award

Tech. Sgt. Jennifer L. Whitmore

48th Medical Operations Squadron

Distinguished Graduates

Tech. Sgt. Jennifer L. Whitmore

48th Medical Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jimmy D. Headen

494th Fighter Squadron

Shelters ready to host Spirit

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
MARTHA WHIPPLE

49TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFPN) — Twenty members of the 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron here spent more than 70 days at a deployed location working 12-hour shifts to erect portable shelters for B-2 Spirit bombers.

The Air Force now has two transportable hangar systems that will allow the B-2 to deploy overseas. Moving the B-2s to forward locations will significantly shorten combat missions, which have been as long as 44 hours from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., said Lt. Col. Myron Majors, 49th MMS commander.

"This was the first time these shelters were constructed for operational use," he said. "We hand-picked a team with a core of troops who had experience in B-2 shelter construction during the test and evaluation phase. Their experience, along with a lot of ingenuity and hard work, paid off as they finished the two shelters about three weeks ahead of the original schedule despite a number of modifications required in the field."

The shelters, each spreading about two football fields in length, will provide the environment needed to maintain the stealth characteristics of the B-2 at a forward location.

The shelters can withstand extreme temperatures, snow and winds. The shelters also feature a clamshell retractable door and state-of-the-art heating, ventilation and air condition and control systems. The total package costs about \$2.5 million and can be transported in 29 C-130 Hercules flights. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)



Courtesy photo

New portable B-2 Spirit shelters



Photo by Staff Sgt Tony R. Tolley

Liberty Warrior trains down range

Airman 1st Class John Esham, right, and Airman 1st Class Jason Brannock, 321st Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters, load fire hoses after ground emergency training on a Navy P-3 Orion at a forward-deployed location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Esham is deployed from the 48th Civil Engineer Squadron at RAF Lakenheath and Brannock deployed from Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

Spangdahlem airmen deploy

BY 2ND LT. GERARDO GONZALEZ

52ND FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Around 200 airmen from the 52nd Fighter Wing deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility Sunday to augment Air Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8 and pre-position themselves for future contingencies.

Sunday's group, the largest of the approximately 500 people originally tasked to deploy, left Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany in the early hours of the morning aboard a contracted DC-10 aircraft.

"These are a great bunch of guys," said Maj. Geoffrey Bacon, 52nd Consolidated Maintenance Squadron commander, watching proudly as his troops gathered their bags and loaded into the waiting bus. "For a lot of our folks this is their first time out."

That wasn't the case for Senior Airman Shaun Welden, a 52nd CMS electrician.

"I've been on deployments before," said the 22-year old Welden. "As far as this deployment goes, I'm not too worried about it."

"A lot of people are actually looking forward to it," said Tech. Sgt. Timothy Roberts, a 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief.

"I've done it before," said Roberts, who was stationed at Spangdahlem AB during the Gulf War. "(They) are excited about it ... it's doing

something different."

Earlier in the week Capt. Ron Ruppel, Personnel Deployment Facility officer-in-charge, oversaw the deploying of these troops. As they processed through the PDF, representatives from various base organizations made sure all members were prepared and cleared to deploy.

"They look 'gung-ho' to me," said Ruppel. "These people want to go."

The heightened tensions make this a non-routine deployment, said Capt. Darren Gray, 22nd Fighter Squadron pilot. Gray flies the F-16CJ and has completed nearly 30 combat missions.

When asked by an Associated Press correspondent if he was leaving any loved ones behind, Gray acknowledged he had a girlfriend who wasn't happy about his departure.

"You do what's necessary when the country calls," he added.

Speaking at a pre-deployment briefing Sunday, Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd FW commander, acknowledged that deployments are hard on military members and their loved ones, but then reassured the deploying Team Eifel members as he brought his pep talk to a close.

"What I want to do is promise to you that we'll give 100 percent in taking care of your family," said Mueller. "We'll give 100 percent in taking care of your needs."



(left to right) Airman 1st Class Vochita Toyens, obstetrics technician; Capt. (Dr.) Katie Gabriel, pediatrician; Capt. Beth Copado, nurse; and Airman 1st Class Tar Sheehan, obstetrics technician; stand surrounded by the latest arrivals to the Air Force family in the nursery ward.

to have her baby vaginally because she had her first child with a caesarean section. But it was not to be. When the couple arrived at the hospital, Emie was 1 centimeter dilated. She was in labor all day until Meyer came back at 4:30 p.m. to check her progress. She was only between 1 and 2 centimeters. At this point Meyer gave her two options—take the drug Pitocin to speed up her progress or a cesarean operation. By 5 p.m., her contractions were 2 to 3 minutes apart and she was in severe pain with no dilation. After final consultation with her medical team, everyone decided on the cesarean due to the possible complications.

“We try to make it as nice as we can but it is not the normal vaginal delivery; it’s now become a surgery. Now we have the welfare of two patients to take care of — the mom and the baby,” Duncan said.

“What they (patients) give me is tenfold compared to what I provide to them,” said Maj. Kathleen Lawson, the only midwife in the ward, who takes care of babies and women during their reproductive lifespan, and who assisted in the operation. She was on call that night and came in for the procedure.



Great grandparents Ramon and Juanita Nunez (left), and grandfather Rolando Garza (far right), help new parents Capt. Cesar Gonzalez, 48th Maintenance Operations Squadron, and his wife JoAnna, welcome their new son into the family before leaving the maternity ward.

Once Emie was in the operating room, everything went fast and smooth. Makennah Alexis was born at 7:47 p.m., weighing in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces. “The procedure was a success when I was able to hand the mother her new baby son,” said Meyer.

Although the C-section was not Emie’s first decision, after it was all over she said it was the best. After the procedure, a sense of euphoria entered the room, and draped the patients and medical staff, enveloping their thoughts on what was just accomplished.

“I fall in love with every baby that I directly take care of,” said Sheehan, who as a medical technician, transcends all phases of the baby delivery business, from the moment the parents arrive to the moment they leave.

“You feel the feelings of protection, comfort and love as you look down on this one-hour old life.”

Although their successful journeys into the new year took separate delivery paths, they all successfully culminated with sounds of crying newborns taking their first breaths.

Makennah Alexis Aleman, born Jan. 2 at the RAF Lakenheath Hospital, grabs her daddy’s finger moments after birth.



Firecrackers whiz high into the winter sky. Corks pop from chilled champagne bottles. Crystal flutes cling and clang. Laughter and jovial chatter fill a room as the countdown to midnight begins. These are the more traditional New Year’s sights and sounds. But for three local Air Force couples, the celebration was marked more with fleeting moments and precise measurements—centimeters, pints, minutes, and heartbeats.

Crossing the bridge that links 2002 and 2003, the couples endured strenuous emotional and physical journeys filled with peaks and valleys, dotted with hours of hope, frustration, pain, happiness and finally, sheer exhaustion. Through it all, the couples made it to their final destination — the celebration of life.

Welcome to the RAF Lakenheath hospital’s maternity ward where miracles are common and memories everlasting. Within a span of 72 hours from Dec 31. through Jan. 2, three couples from different rooms shared one hall, one team and one dream. The controlled chaos of the three impending deliveries, clashing with the families’ expectations, made for an eventful leap into the new year.

Averaging more than 500 deliveries a year, the 48th Medical Group maternity ward is a place of bewilderment with a glimpse inside one of the most fundamental phases of life — birth.

“It’s very stressful and tiring, yet very rewarding,” said Airman 1st Class Tara Sheehan, a maternity ward medical technician.

On any given night, a controlled sense of urgency echoes throughout the ward’s halls as patients sit in their rooms, with their family or friends nearby, and wait for the big moment. With three types of deliver-

ies ranging from the normal to emergency 911 scenarios, the only certainty in the delivery ward is the goal to deliver successful babies.

For first-time parents Capt. Caesar Gonzalez, 48th Maintenance Operations Squadron, and his wife Joanna, the delivery of their baby on New Year’s Eve went well.

The Gonzalez family arrived to the hospital at 1:00 p.m. Dec. 31 and was met with a very receptive staff.

“The staff was really good,” said JoAnna. “I was the only one on the ward, and I had a lot of attention. They were really happy to see me because there was a contest around USAFE to have the first New Year’s Baby,” said JoAnna.

Their delivery went smoothly. “They (the staff) kept me informed on what was going on, ‘This is what we are doing, and this is where you’re at.’ This comforted me, knowing where we were in the process,” she said.

“It’s a little scary,” said JoAnna, describing the first few moments of receiving her son. “You know you’re responsible for this little life. The whole responsibility of having someone else to care for is overwhelming. All of a sudden, you have this miracle from God in your hands.”

Jet48Features



Senior Airman Bill Campbell, 100th Logistics Readiness Squadron, RAF Mildenhall; and his wife, Debbie, welcome their new son, Jared Michael, into the world.

Christian Ceasar was born at 10:26 p.m., just missing the New Year by several hours.

“When I first saw Christian, an overwhelming feeling of joy that God had blessed me with a healthy baby overcame me,” said Caesar. “We couldn’t have asked for a better delivery than the one we had at Lakenheath. They clearly set the bar for our expectations for the next one.”

“They were great. They are going to be really good parents,” said Sheehan, the medical technician who worked with the couple. “The father was very helpful and caring with his wife. They had a few questions about breastfeeding, but other than that they were on autopilot.”

The post partum phase is where new parents bond with their child after the birth; the Gonzalezs made it a family event. “Our goal is to make the parents leave here with confidence and to give us an opportunity to ensure the baby and mother are completely healthy,” said Sheehan.

Working in this high-stress environment that straddles technological medical procedures with patient’s emotional and physical limitations is not easy.

A few days later, while the Gonzalez family was in their post partum stage of their journey, enjoying every coo coming from their son, down the hall the Campbells and the Alemans focused on centimeters and contractions, as their journeys were just beginning.

For Senior Airman Bill and Debbie Campbell, the arrival of their son, Jared Michael, Jan.2 was clearly bittersweet. Although scheduled for an induction procedure, their birth did have its moments.

Debbie was started on Pitocin, the medicine drip that causes contractions, around 10:00 a.m.,

according to Maj. (Dr.) Lane Meyer, the attending physician. “She progressed to 6 centimeters cervical dilation at 4:40 p.m. and received a spinal anesthetic.” By 5:30 p.m. she was completely dilated but her water had not yet broken, so he ruptured her bag of water and she began to push. Minutes later, at 5:47 p.m., she was introduced to her new baby boy.

Weighing in at 7 pounds, 8 ounces, Jared’s arrival was met with sheer joy, but followed quickly by an overshadowed sense of urgency to cling on to every single minute of that moment.

“With every child, we have become closer,” said Debbie, “(but with this birth) I especially wanted my husband to see our new addition before he left.” While the birth was stressful, the family had yet to meet their biggest challenge – being apart.

Bill, assigned to the 100th Logistics Readiness Squadron, deployed this week to support Operation

Enduring Freedom. In his absence, Debbie will have to integrate her newborn into the family with the help of Jared’s sister, Alexis, 8, and brother, Brandon, 3.

“It’s very sad,” he said.

“You want to be there to

see everything, the first steps, the first crawl, but at least I got a week with him,” said Bill. “He’s precious, a gift of life,” he said. “I am blessed to have been there for the first week.”

“The best part of my job is getting to help bring a life into this world,” said Meyer, who has delivered more than 200 babies in two and a half years at Lakenheath. That night, he had plenty more opportunities; minutes after the Campbell’s delivery, Meyers was down the hall preparing for the next one.

For Staff Sgt. Emie Aleman, 48th Communications Squadron, and her husband

Jimmy, they were about to start an emotional and physical rollercoaster ride.

Although the parents and medical staff all want a miracle birth, sometimes it quickly becomes a surgical procedure, said Maj. Lon Duncan, 48th Medical Operations Squadron surgical services element chief. “A patient can go from trying to deliver a spontaneous normal vaginal delivery to a surgery procedure within moments,” said Duncan, the lead operating room nurse.

Emie tried desperately

“The best part of my job is getting to bring a life into this world.”

*Maj. (Dr.) Lane Meyer
Obstetrics/gynecologist physician*

(left) Maj. Lon Duncan (left), operating room nurse and surgical services element chief, helps Maj. Valerie Belle, certified registered nurse anesthetist, give Staff Sgt. Emie Aleman an epidural prior to a cesarean operation.

(middle) Senior Airman Albert Donovan (left), OR technician, Maj. Kathy Lawson (middle), certified nurse midwife, and Maj. (Dr.) Lane Meyer (right), obstetrics/gynecologist physician, operate on Aleman during a cesarean.

(right) Capt. Denise Dorato, nurse, and Staff Sgt. Dixie Macias, obstetrics technician, prepare to give Makennah Aleman her first immunization, a Vitamin K shot, which helps blood clotting factors develop minutes after birth.





Photo by Tech Sgt. Claudette Hutchinson

Jordan Davis works the ball through a tough defense Monday during youth team selections.

Game-on for youth basketball

BY TECH SGT. CLAUDETTE HUTCHINSON

48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

More than 200 youths ages 5 to 16 dribbled, bounced and dunked their way up, down and around the court as they displayed their skills during basketball team selections Monday at the RAF Lakenheath Youth Center.

A team of coaches from the youth center sports program then made selections, ensuring a careful mix of players of different sizes, genders, experience and skill levels. There are no specific requirements to be a coach, except to volunteer.

"Our coaches are all volunteers," said Matt Driver, RAF Lakenheath youth sports director.

"Eighty percent of them are parents who want to get involved. We train them on coaching skills and the fundamentals of coaching youth sports."

Practices are ongoing until Jan. 24, with opening ceremonies marking the beginning of the team competitions Jan. 25. The season runs through March. 15.

According to Driver, goals of the youth sports program are for the children to have fun and for them to learn something new. During the first practices, the coaches focused on teaching players the basic fundamentals of the game such as dribbling, shooting and passing.

"There are no winners or losers here," said Driver. "We just want them to give it their best shot and learn how to work together as a team. In the end they all get a participation award."

SPORTS SHORTS

Intramural Basketball Schedule Over 30

Tuesday, noon, AMXS vs. CONS; Wednesday, noon, EMS vs. OSS; Thursday, noon, MDSS vs. SFS.

A League

Monday, 5:30 p.m., CRS vs. LRS; 6:30 p.m., OSS vs. AMXS; 7:30 p.m., EMS vs. SFS; Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., OSS vs. CRS; 6:30 p.m., Det. 4 vs. AMXS; 7:30 p.m., SFS vs. CS.

B League

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., VAR(M) vs DS; 6:30 p.m., SFS vs. SVS; 7:30 p.m., CPTS vs. AMXS; Thursday, 5:30 p.m., CPTS vs. DS; 6:30 p.m., AMXS vs. SVS; 7:30 p.m., VAR (W) vs. SFS. Call the fitness center for more sports schedule information at 7-2391.

Tournament cancelled

The fitness center Martin Luther King Jr. tournament, previously scheduled for Saturday to Monday, is cancelled due to a lack of interest.

Powerlifting championships

The fitness center hosts the U.S. Forces Powerlifting Championships Feb. 8. For details, call Sharon Keen at 7-2391.

Valentine's Day sports

5k Fun Run/Walk — Meet in front of the fitness center Feb. 15 at 10 a.m.

Racquetball Tourney — Feb. 21 through 23. The players meeting is Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. and play starts at 5:30 p.m. Events are open to everyone. Call 7-2391 for more details.

TRAINING 101

Exercise

Outer thigh pulley cable

Muscles

Abductors, Gluteus medius

Position

Attach cable to the leg furthest from the pulley, stand in a neutral position with body weight over supporting leg with the exercise leg in direct line with the cable pulley.

Movement

Contract the abductor muscles to lift the leg away from the pulley system, control the return move and repeat. When you complete your set, repeat on the other side.

Modifications

This exercise may also be done with ankle weights or a resistance band.



Lorraine Botwright is the base fitness program director. For more information about fitness activities and personal trainers, call 7-3607.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Tiffany Jeltrema

RAF Lakenheath and the revolution in military affairs



Photo by Senior Airman Jimmy Harper

BY LT. COL. KENT LAUGHBAUM

COMMANDER, 494TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

SINCE the end of the Persian Gulf War in 1991, a debate has raged among American military theorists and scholars about the conduct of 21st century warfare. The debate centers around a concept called a “Revolution in Military Affairs.” So, what is this “Revolution?”

RMA is a fundamental change in the character and conduct of war brought about by the innovative application of new technologies, military doctrine and/or organization. At the national level, it is important that we understand and adapt to the ongoing RMA, assuming an RMA is actually under way. If we get it right, and accurately assess the change in the character of war caused by new technology, doctrine or organization, then our national security will be enhanced. If we get it wrong, our future could be at risk.

To help clarify the concept and importance of an RMA, let’s examine a historical example from World War II. During the 1930s, most military strategists believed modern land combat to be very slow moving and dominated by heavy cannon fire. This was the experience of World War I, where tragically, millions of soldiers died to artillery and the machine-gun. The conventional wisdom in western Europe, particularly in France, was that nothing about the fundamental character of war had changed. France, seeing the rise of Hitler and the Third Reich, felt quite secure with their “Maginot Line,” a massive complex of forts and heavy cannon on their eastern frontier. Unfortunately for France, and the rest of Europe, Germany accurately perceived and capitalized on a fundamental change in the nature of war. They developed a form of war that the Allies called “Blitzkrieg,” translated as “lightning war.” More specifically, the Germans developed a highly aggressive and fluid strategy to employ their new tanks and fighter aircraft, and totally overwhelmed the static French defenses. During the early months of World War II, the Germans so completely dominated the rest of Europe with Blitzkrieg that many scholars today assert their advantage to be the successful application of a RNA.

Sixty years later, the debate is hot as to whether another RMA is in progress – or possibly has even already occurred. Much of this debate centers on new technologies being incorporated into fighter aircraft, and the devastating effects they can have in battle. The combat record of the 48th Fighter Wing during Operation Desert Storm illustrates the point. Prior to the Gulf War most “military experts” working for newspapers and television networks predicted the loss of hundreds of aircraft, and thousands of lives in a protracted struggle similar in nature to the

Vietnam conflict. In fact, the war couldn’t have gone much differently than the pundits expected. Massive quantities of laser-guided bombs and other precision-guided munitions were used for the first time in war. During the course of the war my fighter squadron, the 494th FS Panthers, destroyed 920 tanks, 245 aircraft shelters, 158 bridges and 113 hardened bunkers.

The new combat capabilities and weapons systems about to be given the F-15Es at RAF Lakenheath far surpass those employed during and since the Gulf War. During the past decade when asked to go into combat, we normally employ against one target at a time, per aircraft. If we carry several laser-guided bombs on our aircraft, as we normally do, we may be required to spend a significant amount of time over hostile territory to deliver all the weapons. Our new weapons, typified by Global Positioning System-guided bombs such as the Joint Direct Attack Munition, will give the F-15E the ability to accurately attack numerous targets on a single pass through enemy territory. To put this in perspective, in a future war, a lone squadron of Strike Eagles delivering JDAMs will be able to destroy hundreds of targets in a one day.

BELIEVE the sophisticated technologies being placed into our aircraft and weapons systems, as impressive as they seem, are only evolutionary improvements to combat capability. By themselves, they do not constitute a revolutionary change in the conduct of war. In order to leverage a potential RMA to our advantage, we must develop and master complementary warfighting doctrine. Referencing the World War II example, France had superior numbers of aircraft and tanks in theater, but a decidedly inferior doctrine of employment to Germany.

Today, we are just beginning to examine new tactics and doctrine to pair with our advanced technologies. An example is a concept called Time Sensitive Targeting. TST is the process of employing against targets that require an immediate response because of their fleeting nature or risk they pose to friendly forces. Described in more simple terms, TST is locating and destroying the enemy quickly, within seconds or minutes. To match the incredible technology being installed in our fighter aircraft, we must develop a doctrine and system for conducting TST on a massive theater-wide scale. Such doctrine might indeed bring about a true RMA.

Over the next months at RAF Lakenheath we have a moral imperative to bring our warhorses to their maximum potential, on the ground and in the sky. If an RMA is to occur, and the character of war to make one of its rare but critically important shifts, we must be there to get it right, both with our machines and our strategies.



Discover Britain

By Sal Davidson – Community Relations Adviser



FILM LOCATIONS IN THE UK

Somebody asked me a while back what castle were the Harry Potter movies filmed at? This started me thinking about what other locations have been used in the movies around the U.K. I have done some research into this and was surprised just how much our heritage has been used in Hollywood.

All of these locations are extremely interesting in their own right, but there is something special about going somewhere and being able to point out certain features that have been used on the “Big Screen.”

Alnwick Castle

The Victorians described Alnwick Castle as the “Windsor of the North.” It is located in Northumberland, just 35 miles north of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Its earliest mention in the history books was way back in 1096, and is now the family home of the Duke of Northumberland. From April through October it is possible to visit the castle and explore the stunning State rooms and all the glory that a castle of this magnitude possesses.

Alnwick Castle has educational links with the United States. It is used as an educational establishment by St. Cloud State University, Minnesota, as a branch campus and as part of their international study programme. Students stay within the castle for the duration of their stay, which is normally four months, in which time they learn and experience a different culture along with the history of Britain.

The castle has been used in several movies and television productions. Its grandeur means that very often sets are constructed within the walls to depict medieval times with little change being made to the fascia of the building.

Some of the famous movies filmed here are “Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone,” “Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets,” “Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves” and “Mary, Queen of Scots.”

The estate also boasts holiday cottages that are available to rent year-round.

For more info, the Website is: www.alnwickcastle.com

Eilean Donan Castle

This castle is situated in Dornie, which lies 70 miles to the west of Inverness and is off the A87 in Kintail.

The castle claims to be the most photographed in Britain, and possibly the world.

Eilean Donan has been fortified for some 800 years and has been remodelled on many occasions, the most recent being from 1912 to 1932. It is also much smaller now than when first built. It is set on an island where three lochs meet, and was strategically placed for defence purposes with some walls being 4.3 meters thick.



Alnwick Castle.

Courtesy photo

The castle was basically destroyed in 1719 at the time of the third Jacobite uprising. The island was bombarded and the castle occupants had to surrender. After accepting this surrender, the captain ordered the castle to be blown up using the 343 barrels of gunpowder stored in the garrison's powder magazine.

Abandoned and ruined, the site lay dormant for some 200 years until it was purchased by Lt. Col. John MacRae-Gilstrap in 1912, who spent £250,000 and the next two decades restoring the castle to its former glory.

The James Bond film, “The World is Not Enough” used it as a location in 1999. The castle was also the residence of the Macleod's in the movie “Highlander.”

Major rooms are now open to the public and with continuous redecoration, additional rooms

and facilities are being opened each season.

For admission details, call (01599) 555202.

Carnforth Railway Station

Carnforth station was opened in 1846. At that time it possessed just a north and a south platform. This number grew, and by the time the movie “Brief Encounter” was filmed there in 1945 there were seven platforms.

Carnforth has the most famous clock of any station. After its demise in the 1960's and subsequent rejuvenation, this, too, has had an overhaul and the “heart of the station” beats once more.

Carnforth Station is in Lancashire. Its Web site is: www.carnforthstation.co.uk

Abergavenny and The Brecon Beacons

Abergavenny is traditionally the gateway to Wales and the incomparable Brecon Beacons National Park. Like many boarder towns, the remains of a Norman Castle dominate it.

The town of Abergavenny is nestled in the Usk Valley and has places of historical, architectural and scenic interest. As you take the roads leading out, the scenery is truly breathtaking and it possesses numerous places of interest and attractions.

These attractions include Clydach Gorge with its evidence of the 18th century iron industry, and the coal mines and museum at Blaenavon where mining ended as recently as 1980.

The Brecon Beacons National Park covers more than 500 square miles with its lush, green open countryside and mountainous terrain. To the west are the Black Mountains and to the east, Usk.

The Beacons take their name because they had been used as signal beacons. Pen Y Fan is the highest point in the Beacons at 2,906 feet.

Cars and motorcycles are prohibited from much of the Beacons, which means the whole area lends itself to some spectacular walking and hiking experiences.

The 1980 film “An American Werewolf in London” used this area for many of the location shots. The area remains a favourite with television and filmmakers alike.

For more information on living in Britain, look in the British community information public folder, or call Sal Davidson, community relations advisor, at 7-3145, or e-mail sal.davidson@lakenheath.af.mil.



Briefs

Goal Day

The 48th Fighter Wing takes Jan. 27 off as a goal day because the wing met its first quarter flying hour program. Real world events could impact this (or any other day); people should use caution when planning trips, buying tickets, etc.

Liberty Weather Line

For weather delay information, call the Liberty Weather Line at (01638) 523541 or RAF Mildenhall at (01638) 543541. The information is updated daily by 6:30 a.m. School delays or cancellations are also reported on SGR Radio - KLFM 96.7; Q-103 FM 103; Radio Suffolk-FM 104.5, 95.5, 103.9; and Radio Cambridge - AM 1149 / FM 96.9

Deployed members' club dues

Servicemembers deployed 90 days or more may have their club membership dues waived if there is no club at their deployment location. Bring your orders to the cashier's cage before you go. For more details, call 7-1611.

Commissary holiday hours

Commissary hours have been adjusted for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday. The RAF Lakenheath store is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. with no early-bird shopping. The RAF Mildenhall store is closed.

Services feedback

Headquarters Air Force Services is conducting a customer feedback survey to assess satisfaction with Services programs and quality-of-life improvements at RAF Lakenheath. Members randomly selected who receive the survey are asked to fill it out and return it in the envelope provided.

Liberty Wing awards banquet

The Liberty Wing names its top Liberty Warriors for 2002 at the Wing Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 8 in the Eagles' Landing with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner is \$22 per person (\$20 for club members). Those planning to attend should notify their first sergeant by Wednesday.

Youth of the Year

Youth interested in competing in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year program may pick up nomination packages at the youth center. The program recognizes outstanding achievements of youth ages 14 to 18 who demonstrated service to their youth center and community, achieved academic excellence and contributed to their family. First place earns a \$3,000 scholarship and the runner-up earns a \$2,000 scholarship. Packages must be turned in no later than March 7 to the youth center. For more information, call 7-3180.

Events

Children with special needs

The Families of Children with Special Needs Support Group meets Wednesday in Bldg. 611 (next to hourly day care) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Child care and a sibling support group are available. For more information, call Wanda Tews at 7-8927.

Skills Development Center hours

The Skills Development Center changed its operating hours to Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; weekday classes and do-it-yourself, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, closed; and Sunday, retail sales only. For more information, call 7-2194.

Community center activities

The RAF Lakenheath Community Center is closed through Saturday for renovations. The center is designated for the Home Scholars Program Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon. Family Bingo is Jan. 24, 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information call 7-2221.

CHAPEL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Catholic

RAF Lakenheath

- ☐ Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.
- ☐ Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m.
- ☐ Daily Mass – 11:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- ☐ Communion Service – 11:30 a.m. Wednesday

RAF Feltwell

- ☐ Sunday Mass – 11:30 a.m.

Protestant

(All Protestant services held on Sundays unless otherwise stated)

RAF Lakenheath

- ☐ Contemporary Service – 7 p.m. Friday
- ☐ Gospel Service – 8 a.m.
- ☐ Protestant Service – 11 a.m.
- ☐ Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

RAF Feltwell

- ☐ Protestant Service – 10 a.m.
- ☐ Sunday School – 8:45 a.m.

Denominational services

- ☐ Assemblies of God-Sunday Night Live – 6 p.m.

- ☐ Jewish – Events held at RAF

Mildenhall chapel:

Sabbath Services are at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. For more information, call 98-2822.

- ☐ Muslim - For more information, call Staff Sgt. Youssef Fayed at 7-3419.

For more information on chapel programs, call 7-3711.



Photo courtesy of the 48th Fighter Wing History Office

Fifty Years of News

On Jan. 6, 1953, 1st Lt. Boyd B. Gwin, 494th Fighter-Bomber Squadron pilot, was killed on a combat mission while deployed in support of the Korean War. Gwin's F-84E Thunderjet exploded and disintegrated as he pulled off his target. Gwin's awards included the Air Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Events

Talent wanted

The African-American Heritage Committee seeks singers, dancers, bands, comedians, etc. to participate in "Apollo Showtime" Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. in the RAF Mildenhall Box D Theater. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. For details, call LeShan Arnold at 98-3262 or 2nd Lt. Weston Wills at 7-4871.

Cart racing safety day

Outdoor recreation and 48th Fighter Wing Safety host a cart-racing day Jan. 25 in Ipswich. The event is off-road on a dirt/rally-style flat track. Outdoor recreation provides transportation and group rates and departs Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m. Racing suits and helmets are provided. Drivers should bring gloves and sturdy shoes. Sign up at outdoor recreation today. Participation limited to 16 participants and costs \$50. Call 7-2146 for more information.

Charity basket auction

The RAF Lakenheath American Red Cross hosts a charity basket auction Feb. 21. Units and individuals are invited to donate a basket or services for auction. Proceeds benefit the American Red Cross. Baskets can have unique themes such as golf, education, fitness or food. Call 7-1855 for more information.

Home-school geography bee

The home-school student geography bee is Jan. 25 at the base chapel, 9 a.m. to noon, for

all grades. All home-school students are welcome. For more information, call Lisa Hornish at (01638) 532784 or e-mail safeathome02@yahoo.com

Classes

Marriage conference

Improve your marriage. The 2003 Military Marriage Conference is March 7 through 9 at the Cambridge Crowne Plaza. Couples will learn to resolve conflict and improve other areas of their relationships. For more information, call Kendra Meyers at 98-8905, or e-mail kendra.meyers@mildenhall.af.mil

Build your self-esteem

The health and wellness center sponsors a self-esteem building class Tuesday, 3 to 4:30 p.m., for five weeks. Call 7-2710 for details.

Yours, mine and ours

Family advocacy offers two-session parenting classes for blended and step families Thursday and Jan 30, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the family advocacy conference room. The class discusses family member roles and coping with these roles and behaviors. For details, call 7-8070.

Marriage morning

The RAF Lakenheath chapel sponsors Marriage Morning, a conflict resolution class for couples Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. Sign up with a \$5 deposit (it will be returned during the class.) at the chapel by Monday. For more information, call 7- 3711.

Active parenting of teens

Four classes aimed at parents of teens are Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from noon to 1 p.m. in the youth center teen room. The class discusses teen behavior, motivation, parent-teen communication, drug abuse prevention and discipline while instilling responsibility and more. For details, call 7-8070.

Information users survey

Air Force computer users are asked to take an official online survey by Tuesday at <https://www.afca.scott.af.mil/analysis/endusersurvey/survey.cfm>. Network control center members, workgroup managers and others who directly provide computer support should not take the survey.

MOVIES

RAF Mildenhall 98-2351

Today

6:30 p.m., I Spy, PG13, starring Owen Wilson and Eddie Murphy. A CIA agent's latest assignment is to recover the Air Force's newest weapon -- a stealth bomber. His partner on the case is a professional boxer who has entered the agency against his will. The mismatched pals verbally jab at each other from the moment they begin playing the spy game. Can they stop sparring long enough to save the free world?

10 p.m., NARC, R, starring Jason Patric and Ray Liotta. Detroit police narcotics officer Nick Tellis, a recovering drug addict, is assigned to investigate the murder of a young rookie cop and teams with the dead cop's partner, Lt. Henry Oak, who's out for blood. As Tellis gets closer to learning the truth, he discovers he may have been set up.

Saturday, 3:30 p.m., Tuck Everlasting, PG, starring Alexis Bledel. In 1922 a 10-year-old girl discovers that a neighbor family holds a precious secret: They've got a fountain of youth in their back yard. Because she wants to escape her tortured family life, the girl is taken in by her new friends, but trouble still follows her.

Saturday

6:30 p.m., NARC, R

9:30 p.m., Formula 51, R, starring Samuel L. Jackson and Robert Carlyle. An illegal-drug chemist goes to Liverpool, England, in search of a market for his new concoction. Hoping to retire soon, he wants this to be his last big deal. But when he gets to England, he discovers that his British connection, a supplier and rave-scene insider, is less than amiable toward Americans.

Sunday

3:30 p.m., Jonah: A VeggieTales Movie, G, Animated. Bob the Tomato, Larry the Cucumber, and other talking animated vegetables tell the Biblical story of Jonah in the first big-screen film from the creators of the VeggieTales series.

6:30 p.m., Catch Me If You Can, PG-13, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. The true story of the youngest man to make the FBI's most-wanted list for forgery. Frank Abagnale posed at various times as a doctor, a lawyer, a pilot, and even an FBI agent. Throughout his life, he passed millions of

dollars in bad checks and later, after finally being captured, escaped from prison. Abagnale eventually became a consultant for the FBI, specializing in the field of white-collar crime.

Monday

6:30 p.m., Swimfan, PG-13, starring Erika Christensen. The new girl in town becomes obsessed with a popular champion high-school swimmer with Olympic prospects. When he turns her down, she develops a Fatal Attraction-style crush.

Tuesday

6:30 p.m., NARC, R

Wednesday

6:30 p.m., Catch Me If You Can, PG13

Thursday

6:30 p.m., NARC, R

Editor's note: The Pine View theater is scheduled to be closed until March 2003 for renovations.



Photo by Staff Sgt. William Greer

Liberty Wing welcomes Tuskegee airman

Retired Lt. Col. Herbert E. Carter is briefed by Capt. Kelly McJoynt, 48th Operations Support Squadron, at the controls of an F-15E simulator. A fighter pilot himself, Carter, is an original member of America's famed Tuskegee Airmen, the first and only all-African-American aviation unit. Carter flew P-40 Warhawks, P-47 Thunderbolts, P-51 Mustangs and eventually served as his wing's maintenance officer. Carter was the guest speaker at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon Wednesday at RAF Mildenhall.

